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ductile

adj

1. chem.

Denoting certain metals, eg copper, that can be drawn out into a thin wire or thread without breaking.

2. Easily influenced by others.

Thesaurus: yielding, pliable, pliant, malleable, flexible, amenable, plastic, tractable, compliant, manipulatable, docile; Antonym: intractable, refractory.

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noun

The capacity of metal to be stretched or pressed into shape.

Etymology: 17c in sense 1; originally 14c meaning 'flexible'; from Latin *ductilis*, from *ducere*, *ductum* to lead.

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